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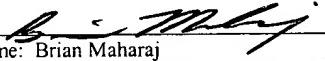
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D. C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In connection with the above-identified application filed herewith, please enter the following preliminary amendment in accordance with 37 CFR 1.121, a copy of which is enclosed herewith:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claim 3 as follows:

3. (AMENDED) A method according to claim 1 wherein the oligopeptide comprises from about 3 to about 10 amino acids.

Please amend claim 4 as follows:

4. (AMENDED) A method according to claim 1 wherein the silver is silver nitrate.

Please amend claim 5 as follows:

5. (AMENDED) A method according to claim 1 wherein the determination of partial sequence comprises searching for, and identifying cleaved amino acid residues based on differences in *m/z* values of neighboring triplets where the *m/z* value of the $[b_n - H + Ag]^+$ ion and the corresponding $[y_n + H + Ag]^+$ ion are related by the formula: $[y_n + H + Ag]^+ = [M + Ag]^+ + Ag^+ - [b_n - H + Ag]^+$.